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See

Sakeena wants to **see** the ocean.  
Sundar wants to **see** sand dunes.  
Saya wants to **see** the Taj Mahal.  
What do you want to **see**?  
I want to **see** the whole world.

Anjali **saw** a shooting star.  
Guess what, she opened her palm  
and caught it.



## Sing

Sunita **sings** beautifully.  
Sometimes, I **sing** with Sunita.  
When Sunita **sings**, everyone  
listens quietly.  
Preeti and Komal are  
practicing 'Tu Zinda Hai'.  
They will **sing** it at the school  
function tomorrow.



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## Scold



It was Ritesh's turn to fill the buckets.  
But he was being lazy.  
Ma got angry and **scolded** him.

Don't go there.  
The guard will **scold** you.

Akku does not like the teacher  
because she always **scolds** him.



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## Stone

Julia carefully stepped on the **stones**,  
and crossed the stream.



The dogs were barking at me.  
I picked up a **stone** to shoo them away.

We got wheat from the ration shop.  
There were many **stones** in it.



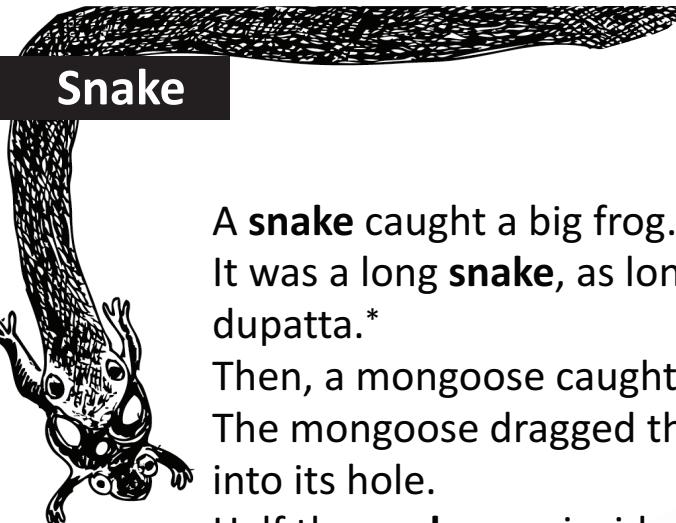
## Smile

When my mother **smiles**, I feel happy.

My friend told me that  
my story was very nice.  
I felt shy and **smiled**.

Reshma's father got her a shirt.  
She was very happy. She could  
not stop **smiling** for three days.





## Snake

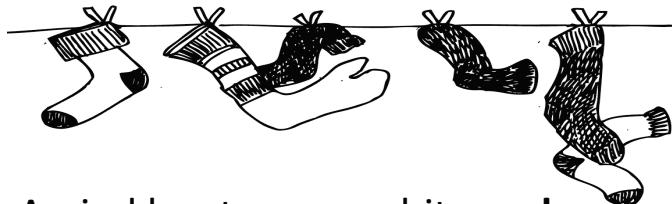
A **snake** caught a big frog.  
It was a long **snake**, as long as Didi's  
dupatta.\*  
Then, a mongoose caught the **snake**.  
The mongoose dragged the **snake**  
into its hole.  
Half the **snake** was inside the hole,  
and half out.

\*long scarf

## Sweet

I feel like eating something **sweet**.  
Maybe I will eat a mango.  
It will be juicy and **sweet**.  
Maybe I will eat an ice-cream.  
It will be cool and **sweet**.  
But I have only 2 rupees.  
What should I eat?

## Socks



On Saturday, Arvind has to wear white **socks** to school.

His white **socks** are dirty.

He is worried that his teacher will get angry.

My **socks** have holes in them.

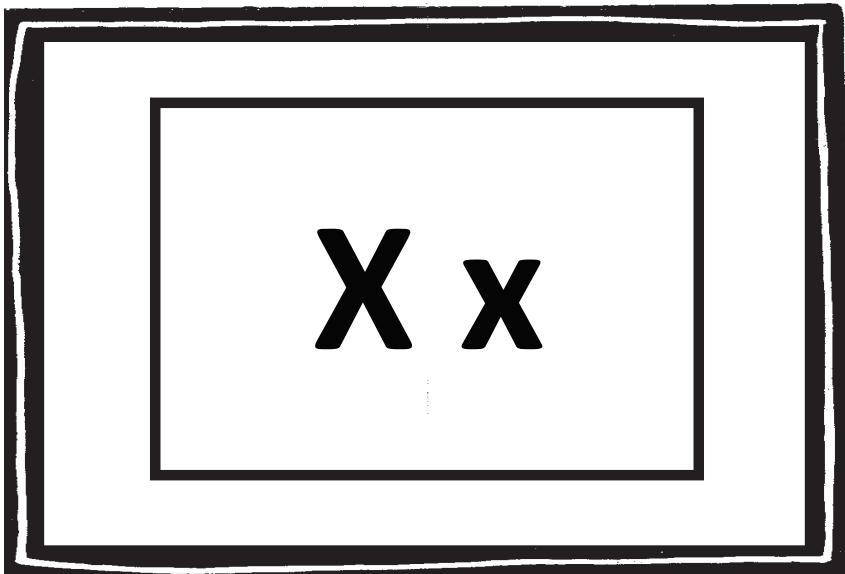
My big toes peep out from the holes.



## Read these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

see	sleep	snake
sing	sand	sweet
stone	stand	story
smile	smoke	smell
socks	scold	skin



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Suraj fell from the jamun tree.  
We rushed him to the hospital.

The doctor asked us to get an **x-ray** done.  
The **x-ray** showed a fracture in his ankle.  
The doctor put a plaster cast  
around his foot.  
Suraj will have to walk with a baisakhi\* till  
his ankle heals. We will take him for  
another **x-ray** in a month's time.

\*crutches

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**X-ray**



Next



Renu and Faiz are good friends.  
They sit **next** to each other in class.  
They also go back home together.

Let us take the **next** bus.  
This one is too crowded.

Radha will take the Class 5 exam **next** year.

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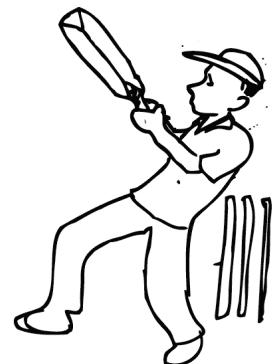


Let's meet at **six** o'clock in the morning.  
We'll play cricket in the maidan\*  
before the older boys get there.

There are **six** books.  
We are five children.  
There is one extra book.  
Should I give it to Zeenat?

\*grounds

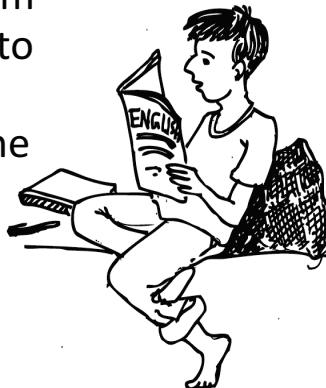
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## Exam/Extra

Monu is very scared of **exams**.  
He can never sleep the night before  
an **exam**.

Tasveer took an **extra** pen with him  
to the **exam**. There was so much to  
write in the social science paper.  
Some children asked for **extra** time  
to finish the **exam**.



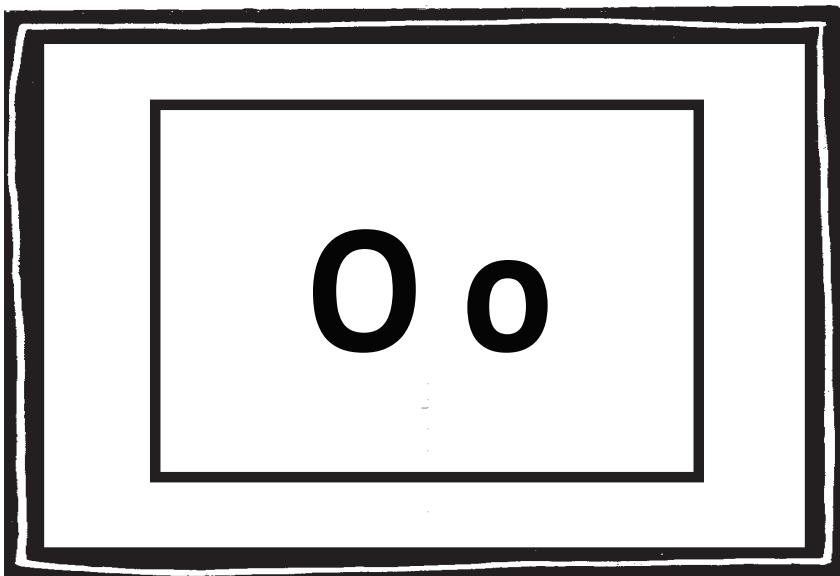
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## Read these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

x-ray	extra	next
axe	tax	wax
six	fix	mix
ox	box	fox
exam	explain	exercise

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Come in. The door is **open**.

Lata **opened** her book to read, but fell asleep.

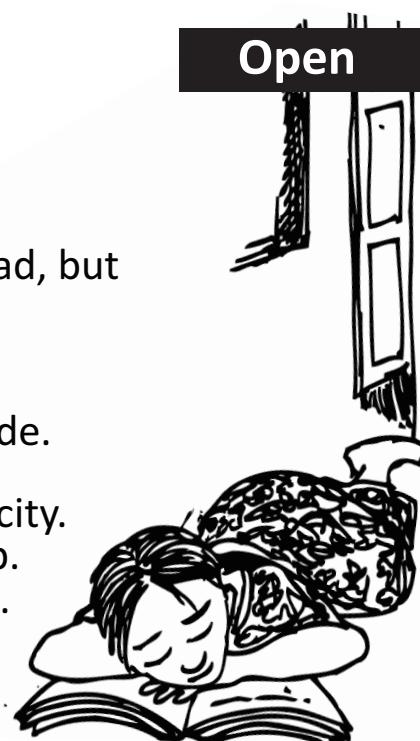
Rohit eats too much gutka.\*  
He can't **open** his mouth wide.

There was a bandh\*\* in the city.  
Salim went to **open** his shop.  
He was beaten up by a mob.

\*tobacco \*\*call for shutdown

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Open



## Home

Sunil is going **home** early today. His mother has to go to court for a peshi.\* He will stay **home** and look after his sister.

Raesha forgot her tiffin box at **home**. I will share my lunch with her.



## Read these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

open	only	old
owe	own	obey
home	sold	bone
go	nose	rose
comb	joke	cold

\*hearing

## Do

Let us **do** something interesting today.  
I am bored of studying.  
What **do** you think we should **do**?

We waited at the Tehsildar's\* office  
every day last week, for our ration cards.  
Today, Aji\*\* told him, "We will not go home till  
you **do** your work."



## Loose

My pants are very **loose**.  
They keep slipping down.

The big dog is left **loose** at night.  
Be careful, he bites.

Our dance teacher told us,  
"Let your body go **loose**.  
You will move better."



\*local government officer   \*\*grandmother

## Food

Ma has to wake up early to cook **food**.  
I wake up early to fetch water.  
I wish Bhaiya\* would also help us.  
Ma takes her **food** to the factory.  
But often she doesn't get time  
to eat. Dadi\*\* makes sure there  
is **food** kept for Ma in the  
evenings. She is very hungry  
when she comes back.



\*elder brother \*\*paternal grandmother

## Read these words

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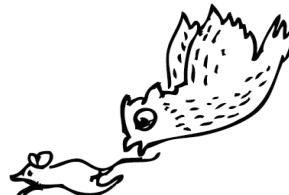
do	food	loose
root	room	boot
soon	tooth	noon
moon	mood	school
to	too	two

## Out

It has stopped raining.  
I am going **out** to play.

Suman was angry with Baba.  
"Why can't we sleep **outside**,  
like the boys do?"

Tulsi was feeling very cold. Her mother took a  
shawl **out** of the trunk and gave it to her.



## Owl

Seema saw an **owl** on the neem tree.  
The **owl** had very big eyes.  
She saw the **owl** swoop down and catch a rat.  
We don't see **owls** in our city.  
I have seen many photographs of **owls**.  
I want to see a real **owl**.



## A loud sound



I woke up with a fright, and looked **around**.

I could see no one.

My **mouth** was dry.

I drank water, and went **outside**.

There were dark **clouds** in the sky.

The **clouds** were rumbling.



## Read these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

out	owl	down
mouth	sound	around
ground	growl	found
loud	cloud	house
cow	how	now

## Order

The teacher **ordered** the children to sit quietly.

Munia Bai is a Gond adivasi. For many years she struggled to get a caste certificate. Finally, the court **ordered** the Collector to issue her certificate.

The contractor is not polite. He **orders** everyone around.



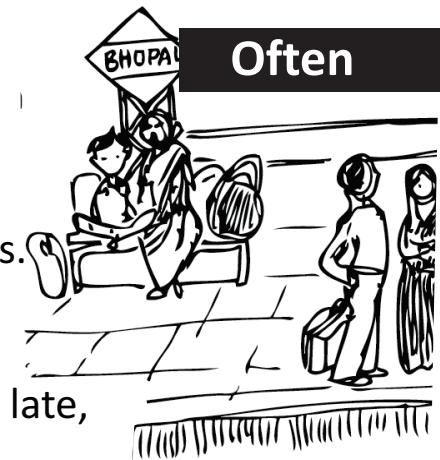
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## Often

My sister lives in Itarsi. She is unable to come see us. So we **often** go to visit her.

The passenger train is **often** late, sometimes by 3 to 4 hours. The Punjab Mail is usually on time.



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## Lost



Sandishna walked, **lost** in her thoughts.  
She was going to the basti library.  
She was thinking about the story she  
wanted to read.  
She was so **lost** in her thoughts that  
she missed the lane.  
Suddenly, she stopped and looked up.  
Where was she? Had she **lost** her way?



## Read these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

or	order	orange
on	odd	oil
off	often	office
cost	frog	lost
lock	not	morning

## Other

I will work on this computer.  
You work on the **other** one.  
Then, we'll complete our work  
quickly.



The teacher is waiting to start the class.  
Where are the **other** children?

Anu is sitting on the **other** side of the road.

## Son

Kanta has one daughter and two **sons**.  
Her **son** is now of school-going age.



Naina gave birth to a beautiful daughter.  
Her husband's family wanted a **son**.  
Naina and her husband said that  
it did not matter.  
They said boys and girls are equal.



## Come

Wait for me. I will **come** with you.

Ask your mother to **come** to school on Monday. The teacher wants to meet her.

The buses are on strike. Sabha will have to **come** home by auto today.



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## Read these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

other	onion	oven
son	come	love
work	won	world
monkey	month	monday
tomato	above	cover

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Never



I have **never** seen snow.  
One day, I will.

Arun and Noori had a fight in class.  
Arun said, "I will **never** speak to Noori again."  
But two days later, they were back to teasing  
each other.

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**Name**

Sultana Geeta

My friend's **name** is Sultana.

Geeta had her **name** tattooed on her arm.

Today, my mother learnt to write  
her own **name**. It made her very happy.

The policeman laughed when Heroine told  
him her **name**.  
She got angry. We all got angry.

**Not**

My nani\* is **not** well.

But she does **not** want to go to the doctor.  
She does **not** like the way the doctor  
speaks to us.

I could **not** buy a pen.

I did **not** have the money.  
Farid lent me his pen to write with.

\*maternal grandmother



## Nail

My **nails** have grown long.  
Long **nails** get dirty.  
I will cut my **nails**.

Nikita likes to paint her **nails**.  
She bought blue **nail** polish from  
New Market yesterday.

Suraj bites his **nails** when he is nervous.



## Nail

My pants got stuck on a **nail**, and tore.

This wall is very hard.  
I tried to hammer a **nail** into it.  
The **nail** got bent.



A boxful of **nails** fell on the floor.  
Brajesh kept a magnet near the **nails**.  
All the **nails** got stuck on it.

## New

Alia's sister bought her a **new** pair of pants. She will wear them on Eid.

Hari taught us a **new** word today.  
I like to learn **new** words.  
I use them when I speak.

The mango tree has **new** leaves.  
They are brownish-orange in colour.



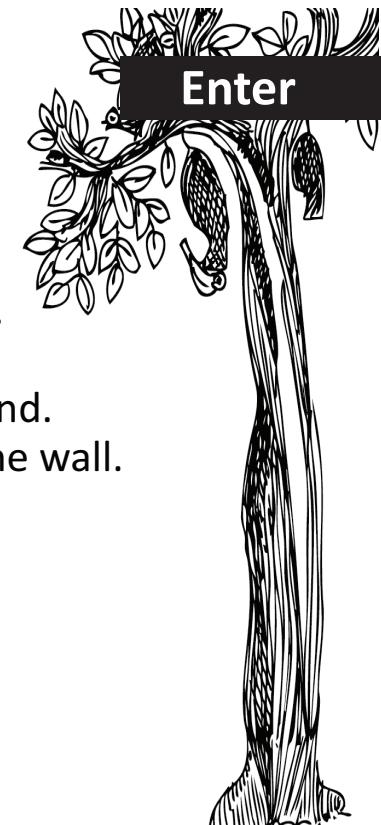
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## Enter

I went home late last night.  
I **entered** the house quietly  
so that Baba wouldn't wake up.

There is a wall around the ground.  
We **enter** it through a hole in the wall.

There is a big tree at the school **entrance**. Many birds have made their nests in it.



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## Soon

Come **soon**.

We will be late for school.

My dadi is unwell.

I hope she gets well **soon**.

This cloth is very thin.

It will tear **soon**.

Varsha will **soon** forget the fight.

But Sarika will stay angry for long.

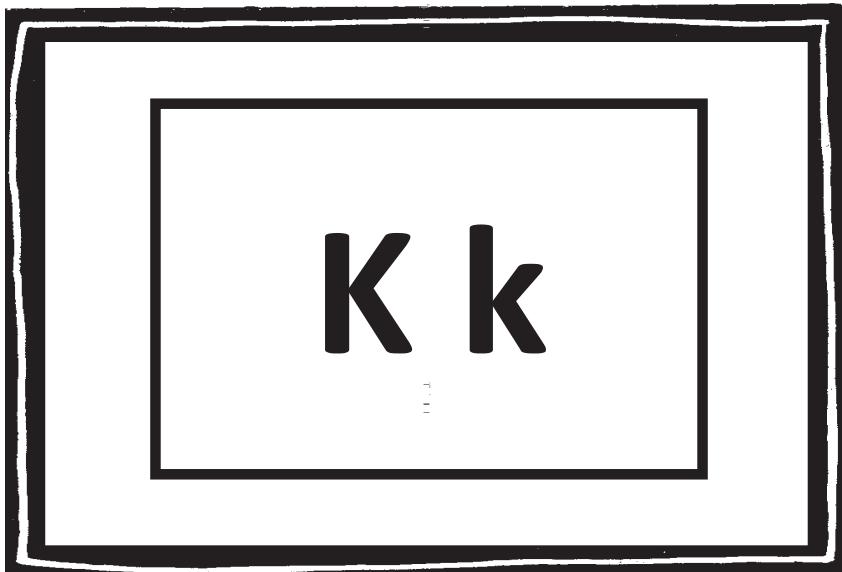


## Read these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

name	nail	not
new	never	nine
needle	near	nose
soon	enter	open
man	bone	sing

## Keep



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Please **keep** my bag with you.  
I will pick it up tomorrow.



Ma can't find the ration card.  
She had **kept** it in the trunk some days back.  
Maybe Bhaiya took it out to get a loan.

Kajal **keeps** all her things carefully. Kirti asked  
Kajal to **keep** her ball safely with her.

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## Kick

Kanak can **kick** the ball high and hard. Today, she **kicked** it so hard that it went straight into the goal.

My friend was **kicking** a dog. The dog yelped. I stopped my friend from **kicking** it.

The door was stuck. Mahesh **kicked** it hard, and it opened.



## Kill

There is a big cockroach in the room. Kabbi is trying to **kill** it with her shoe.

The leopard **killed** a deer, and dragged it up a tree.

There was police firing in Srinagar. Six people were **killed**.

## Kite



Anjum loves to fly **kites**.  
Ammi\* gave Anjum a **kite** on Eid.  
It was a big yellow **kite**.  
She flew the **kite** high in the sky.  
The **kite** danced in the wind.

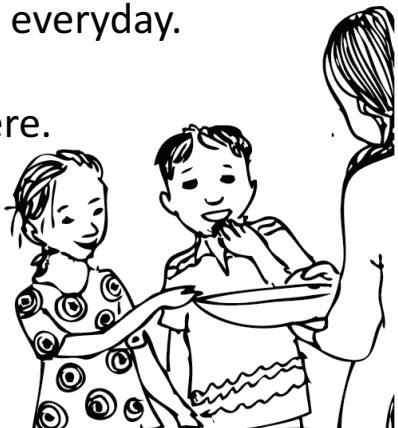
\*mother



## Kind

Rinku is a very **kind** person.  
She always shares her food with us.  
I go to her house whenever I am hungry.

I see an old man in the market everyday.  
He is very **kind** to animals.  
The dogs follow him everywhere.  
But he does not like people.



## Take

**Take** Bittu to the hospital.  
He has been unwell for three days.

Who has **taken** my books?  
Kusum and Anu have **taken** them.

Ali is very excited.  
His father is **taking** him to the circus.



## Read these words

What do they mean? What are the sounds in them?

kick	kill	king
keep	keen	key
kite	kind	sky
kid	kiss	kitten
take	like	frock

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